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SUMMARY: EMBOFFS MET WITH OAU POLITICAL DEPT HEAD
A.N. CHIMUKA AUG 29 TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS OF OAU SPECIAL
SUMMIT ON SAHARA AMONG OTHER TOPICS. WHILE CHIMUKA WAS
PESSIMISTIC WHETHER SUMMIT WOULD ACTUALLY OCCUR, HE EX-
PLAINED OAU HQ'S WAS PROCEEDING WITH PLANS TO HOLD
SUMMIT OCT 5-10 IN LUSAKA AT OAU MEMBERS' EXPENSE. AL-
THOUGH CHIMUKA STATED TWO-THIRDS QUORUM RULE WAS NOT ISSUE
ACCORDING TO OAU RULES OF PROCEDURES, HE ADMITTED THAT IF
MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA INSISTED UPON ATTENDANCE OF TWO-
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THIRDS OF MEMBER STATES AT SUMMIT, IT PROBABLY WOULD
NOT BE HELD. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CORDIAL MEETING WITH OAU OFFICIAL CHIMUKA, EMB-
OFFS DISCUSSED NUMBER OF ISSUES RELATING TO OAU SPECIAL
SUMMIT ON SAHARA RAISED REFTELS. CHIMUKA SAID THAT
1976 OAU HEADS OF STATE MEETING IN MAURITIUS, WHILE

VOTING TO HOLD SUMMIT ON SAHARA, HAD UNWISELY NEGLECTED TO ESTABLISH DATE AND VENUE, WHICH IN TURN HAD PERMITTED REPEATED MANIPULATION TO PREVENT MEETING FROM BEING HELD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING PAST YEAR. LIBREVILLE SUMMIT THEREFORE HAD TASK OF RECTIFYING OMISSION OF VENUE AND DATE.

2. NORMALLY, SPECIAL OAU SUMMITS ARE HELD AT HEAD-QUARTERS, UNLESS MEMBER STATES EXTENDS INVITATION TO HOST MEETING. IN LATTER CASE, HOST EXPECTED TO COVER ANY CONFERENCE EXPENSES EXCEEDING COST OF HOLDING MEETING AT HQ'S. FOR VARIOUS REASONS, ACCORDING TO CHIMUKA, ETHIOPIA WAS NOT PREPARED TO HOST SAHARA MEETING AT THIS TIME, AND NO OTHER MEMBER STATE WAS WILLING TO PICK UP TAB. ACCORDINGLY, OAU CHAIRMAN BONGO STRUCK DEAL WITH ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA IN LIBREVILLE, ACCORDING TO WHICH KAUNDA AGREED TO HOST SUMMIT FIRST HALF OF OCTOBER IF OAU WOULD PAY ALL CONFERENCE COSTS. BONGO REPORTEDLY ASSURED KAUNDA THIS WOULD NOT BE PROBLEM. IN THIS MANNER, BONGO ABLE TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS OF VENUE AND DATE. OAU SECRETARIAT HAD SINCE REQUESTED MEMBER STATES TO MAKE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO COVER SUMMIT EXPENSES. IT NOT CERTAIN MEMBERS WILL RESPOND IN TIMELY OR ADEQUATE MANNER PRIOR TO PROPOSED CONFERENCE DATES.

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3. ACCORDING TO OAU RULES OF PROCEDURE, EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS MAY BE CALLED AT REQUEST OF MEMBER STATE SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT BY TWO-THIRDS OF MEMBERS. CHIMUKA STATED THAT DECISION BY 14TH OAU SUMMIT AT LIBREVILLE TO HOLD SPECIAL SESSION ON SAHARA IN LUSAKA OCT 5110 SATISFIED THAT REQUIREMENT. THERE IS NO STIPULATION CHIEFS OF STATE MUST ATTEND AND COUNTRIES CAN BE REPRESENTED AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. DESPITE OAU RULES FAVORING HOLDING OF SUMMIT, CHIMUKA ALLOWED THAT IF MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA WERE TO INSIST UPON ATTENDANCE OF TWO THIRDS OF MEMBER STATES AT SUMMIT TO CONSTITUTE QUORUM AND THEN LOBBY WITH FRIENDLY MEMBERS AGAINST ATTENDING, IT WOULD BE PROBLEMATICAL WHETHER SUMMIT WOULD BE HELD.

4. COMMENT: FOR SOME TIME NOW, OAU HAS HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN EVEN CONVENING SAHARA SUMMIT, LET ALONE REACHING AGREED UPON POSITION OR COURSE OF ACTION. THIS TIME IT APPEARS GABONESE PRESIDENG BONGO'S ACTIVISM AS CURRENT OAU CHAIRMAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OAU PLANS EVEN REACHING THIS ADVANCED STAGE, BUT IT STILL APPEARS UNCERTAIN IF SUMMIT WILL ACTUALLY OCCUR.

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